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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *09 June 2008*.

2a)☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☐ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-30* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-30* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: amendment filed on 6/9/08 to application filed on 12/31/03.

2. Claims 1-30 are pending in the case. Claims 1, 11 and 20 are independent claims.

3. All rejections in the previous office action have been withdrawn as necessitated by the amendment.

Specification

4. The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: the original specification fails to provide antecedent basis for the terms "a machine-readable storage device" as used in claim11.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

5. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

> Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

6. Claims 11-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 11-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. As noted above, because the specification fails to provide antecedent basis for the claim terminology "computer-readable media." Therefore the question becomes whether non-statutory embodiments would be fairly conveyed to one of ordinary skill given the terminology utilized. With regard to said claims, it is reasonable to interpret the phrase

"a machine-readable storage device" as fairly conveying carrier waves (specification, [0034], "A computer-readable medium may be defined as one or more memory devices and/or carrier waves. The software instructions may be read into memory 224 from another computer-readable medium such as the data storage device 228 or from another device via the communication interface 234"). Therefore claims 11-19 are not limited to embodiments which fall within a statutory category of invention and are rejected under 35. U.S.C. 101

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 1-5, 8-14, 17-23 and 26-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being Unpatentable over Goodisman et al., US 2002/0069223 A1, published 06/06/02 in view of Golovchinsky et al., US 2004/0078757, filed 08/31/2001.

Regarding independent claim 1, Goodisman teaches the steps of:

- locating a text reference in a source document (Goodisman, [0052], [0053], parsing a document into text blocks, wherein a text block includes one or more object);
- identifying a target document relating to the text reference (Goodisman, [0039], [0052], [0053], [0059]; identifying a target document related to the text block that includes the object);

- deriving an anchor text corresponding to the target document utilizing the source document and the label (Goodisman, fig.6; [0053], [0056]; obtaining and modifying the label to a highlighted/underlined hyperlink, such as highlighted/underlined name "JohnSmith" hyperlink in the document; linking the highlighted/underlined text reference to the target document when the hyperlink is activated/selected);
- generating a hyperlink to the target document (Goodisman, [0053], [0056], [0059]; selecting/clicking the object causing retrieving and displaying the target document); and
- associated the hyperlink with the anchor text (Goodisman, [0053], [0056]; automatically associating the hyperlink with the name "JohnSmith" by linkify engine so that selecting/clicking the name "JohnSmith" causing retrieving and displaying the target document).

Goodisman does not teach identifying a target document including performing a search based on the text reference using a search engine.

Golovchinsky teaches identifying a target document relating to text reference including performing a search based on the text reference using a search engine (Golovchinsky, [0018], [0067]).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have combined Golovchinsky's teaching and Goodisman's teaching to include a search engine, since the combination would have searched and provided related documents associated with the hyperlink to the user.

Regarding claim 2, which is dependent on claim 1, Goodisman teaches deriving the text reference based on a statistical model of at least one of the text formatting and lexical cues (Goodisman, [0053]; parsing the document based on the type of the input document).

Regarding claim 3, which is dependent on claim 1, Goodisman teaches comparing text from the source document with a list of predetermined references (Goodisman, [0053]; pattern matcher includes "linguistic, keyword proximity and word sequence analysis" to identify a name).

Regarding claim 4, which is dependent on claim 1, Goodisman teaches locating a label corresponding to the text reference and associating the hyperlink with the label (Goodisman, fig.6; [0052], [0053], [0056]; locating/establishing a label, such as name "JohnSmith", as an object for the text block).

Regarding claim 5, which is dependent on claim 4, Goodisman teaches deriving the label based on a statistical model of at least one of text formatting and lexical cues (Goodisman, [0053]; obtaining the label, such as name, phone number, social security number based on "linguistic, keyword proximity and word sequence analysis").

Regarding claim 8, which is dependent on claim 1, Goodisman teaches parsing the text reference into a plurality pieces of text, wherein the identifying, deriving, generating, and associating are performed for each of the plurality pieces of text (Goodisman; fig.6;

[0024],[0053]; wherein the text block is a sentence that has two objects so that two hyperlinks are generated as in fig.6).

Regarding claim 9, which is dependent on claim 1, Goodisman teaches wherein the source document is selected from the group consisting of an HTML document, a text document, a postscript document, a Portable Document Format (PDF) document, a PowerPoint document, a Word document, and Excel document and a close-captioned video (Goodisman, [0030],[0050]).

Regarding claim 10, which is dependent on claim 1, Goodisman teaches the text reference is reference to one of a paper, article, company, institution, product, search engine, image, object, and geographical location (Goodisman; [0053]; the text block includes an object)

Claims 11-14 and 17-19 are for a computer system including a program in a storage device performing the method of claims 1-5, 8-10, respectively and are rejected under the same rationale.

Claims 20-23 and 26-28 are for a computer readable medium including instructions performing the method of claims 1-5, 8-10, respectively and are rejected under the same rationale.

Regarding claim 29, which is dependent on claim 1, Golovchinsky teaches performing the search using a search term, the search term being determined based on an anchor text (Golovchinsky, [0071]).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have combined Golovchinsky's teaching and Goodisman's teaching to include a search engine, since the combination would have searched and provided related documents associated with an anchor text to the user.

Regarding claim 30, which is dependent on claim 1, determining the target document according to a rating determined by the search engine ((Golovchinsky, [0071]).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have combined Golovchinsky's teaching and Goodisman's teaching to include a search engine, since the combination would have searched and provided related documents associated with an anchor text to the user based on ranking or filtering.

9. Claims 6, 15 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goodisman and Golovchinsky as applied to claim 4 above and further in view of Glover et al., US 2003/0221163 A1, filed 02/03.

Regarding claim 6, which is dependent on claim 4, Goodisman does not explicitly teach deriving a label anchor text depending on whether the label corresponding to the text reference precedes or follows a text phrase.

Glover teaches deriving a label anchor text depending on whether the label corresponding to the text reference precedes or follows a text phrase (Glover, figures 4; [0034]; extended anchortext (410, 414, 418) are extracted including text references before, after or before and after label "Yahoo").

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have combined Glover's teaching and Goodisman's teaching to extract text before, after or surround the label, since the combination would have provided label anchor text including the label and text surround the label to link to a target document.

Claim 15 is for a computer system performing the method of claim 6 is rejected under the same rationale.

Claim 24 is for a computer readable medium including instructions performing the method of claim 6 is rejected under the same rationale.

10. Claims 7, 16 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goodisman, Golovchinsky and Glover as applied to claim 6 above and further in view of Hennings et al., US 6,763,496 B1, filed 03/31/99.

Regarding claim 7, which is dependent on claim 6, Goodisman does not explicitly teaches the label anchor text is a longest noun phrase extracted from the text phrase following or preceding the label when the label precedes or follows the phrase, respectively.

Hennings teaches anchor text link comprising a phrase, a picture icon, or a phrase and an icon (Hennings, col.2, lines 54-65).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have combined Hennings' teaching into Goodisman and Glover's teaching to extract a phrase before, after the label, since the combination would have provided

label anchor text including a phrase before or after the label; or combination of a phrase before or after the label and an the label (object such as icon, image, trademark, identifier).

Claim 16 is for a computer system performing the method of claim 6 is rejected under the same rationale.

Claim 25 is for a computer readable medium including instructions performing the method of claim 6 is rejected under the same rationale.

Response to Arguments

10. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-5, 8-14, 17-23 and 26-28 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Applicants ague with respect to claims independent claims 1, 11 and 20 that Goodisman does not teach "identifying a target document relating to the text reference" and neither Goodisman nor Corbin disclose or suggest the feature of "wherein the identifying includes performing a search based on the text reference using a search engine" (Remarks, pages 9-10).

Examiner partially agrees. Goddisman does teaches the targets can be a document or potion thereof so that the target document 106 can be displayed when the user click on the "johnSmith" object (Goddisman, fig.6). Besides, Golovchinsky teaches identifying a target document relating to text reference including performing a search based on the text reference using a search engine (Golovchinsky, [0018], [0067]). Therefore, the combination of Golovchinsky and Goddisman teaches such feature.

Conclusion

11. The prior art made of record, listed on PTO 892 provided to Applicant is considered to have relevancy to the claimed invention.

Applicant should review each identified reference carefully before responding to this office action to properly advance the case in light of the prior art.

11. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to THU V. HUYNH whose telephone number is (571)272-4126. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen S. Hong can be reached on (571) 272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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